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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated February 9, 2006, be extended for one month to and including June 9, 2006.

Enclosed is a check for \$120 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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